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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hidetoshi NISHI et al.

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EQUIPMENT

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the period to take action in the above-captioned application be extended by two months pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

A check in the amount of \$410.00 is submitted herewith in payment of the required extension fee. This amount is believed to be correct; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (381AS/50328). A copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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